

WSR 23-09-068

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Board of Physical Therapy)

[Filed April 19, 2023, 9:17 a.m., effective April 19, 2023, 9:17 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Other Findings Required by Other Provisions of Law as Precondition to Adoption or Effectiveness of Rule: RCW 34.05.380 (3)(b) states a rule may become effective immediately upon its filing with the code reviser if the agency finds that "[t]he rule only delays the effective date of another rule that is not yet effective ..." RCW 18.74.500, Article IX(2), mandates the board of physical therapy (board) to adopt the physical therapy compact commission (compact commission) rules in order for physical therapists to participate in the compact. Immediate adoption is necessary to stay compliant with the compact commission rules as the compact commission's revised rules became effective October 30, 2022.

Purpose: WAC 246-915A-010 Physical therapy licensure compact— Compact commission rules. The board has updated WAC 246-915A-010 to comply with RCW 18.74.500, Article IX(2), which mandates that in order to participate in the physical therapy compact in the state of Washington, the board must adopt compact rules. The compact commission made minor amendments to the compact rules. The adopted rule complies with the statute by incorporating by reference to the compact commission's rules as of October 30, 2022.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 246-915A-010.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.74.023 and 18.74.500, Article IX(2).

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 23-03-106 on January 17, 2023.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: February 27, 2023.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-10-021, filed 4/25/22, effective 4/25/22)

WAC 246-915A-010 Physical therapy licensure compact—Compact commission rules. (1) The physical therapy licensure compact (compact) is established in Washington under RCW 18.74.500. Its purpose is to facilitate interstate practice of physical therapy with the goal of improving public access to physical therapy services.

(2) The rules of the physical therapy compact commission, in effect as of October (~~24, 2021~~) 30, 2022, are adopted and incorporated by reference.

(3) A copy of the rules is available for public inspection from the department of health at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/PhysicalTherapyLicensureCompact/RulesInProgress> or by calling the department of health's office of customer service at 360-236-4700.

(4) A licensee may exercise a compact privilege as provided in RCW 18.74.500, Article IV. Applicable fees are set forth in WAC 246-915A-990.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.74.023 and 18.74.500, Article IX(2). WSR 22-10-021, § 246-915A-010, filed 4/25/22, effective 4/25/22; WSR 21-11-006, § 246-915A-010, filed 5/7/21, effective 5/7/21; WSR 20-11-063, § 246-915A-010, filed 5/19/20, effective 6/19/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.74.500, 18.74.023, and 2017 c 108. WSR 19-12-056, § 246-915A-010, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19.]